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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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TWO CENTS.

Low Lands Are Threatened With Inundation.

Approaches to Melan Arch Bridge in Danger.

INTO THE CITY PARK.

The West End is Covered With

Feared That Further Rise Will Cover North Topeka.

TROUBLE AT WOLFF'S

Firemen Work to Get Water Out of Basement.

Big Smoke Stack Falls When Anchor Wires Give Way.

The Kansas river at noon was within two feet of overflowing the low banks and was still rising at the rate of an inch an hour. Tuesday the heavy rain extended throughout the northern part of the state as far west as Decaur county, where the rainfall measured an inch and a quarter.

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The effects of the heavy rains as far west as Manhattan have affected the river at this point but the heavy rains west of Manhattan have not yet affected the river here. If the rise continues for 24 hours the river will be over its banks and the low lands north and south of the river will be flooded.

It is reported to the Rock Island offices here this morning that the river is rising one foot an hour at Manhattan. The Hock Island notified the Santa Fe of this rise, and the railroad officials are preparing for trouble here tonight. It is estimated that the rise will reach Topeka in four or five hours, and it is likely to be considerably augmented by tributary streams before it gets here.

Four miles west of Topeka, at the site of the proposed dam, there is an embankment on the north side of the river to keep high water from flooding the low lands there. Last night and this morning the water was seeping through the embankment. Should the water carry away the embankment and flow over the botton lands it is likely to cut its way through to Soldier creek and flood ail the bottom lands on the

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Y. W. C. A. Tangle is Straightlevel of the basement of the packing house and is causing considerable trouble. The water is rapidly sweeping into the basement through the made ground between the building and the river. The water was kept down in the basement last night by men working at pumps in relays. Today the Wolff company arranged for the steam fire engine of the city fire department to be taken to the plant and the fire engine is being used to pump the water from out of the cellar.

One of the steel smoke stacks of the packing house, 100 feet high, fell last night at dark. The fall was caused by the anchors of the guy ropes that held the stack in position being washed out by the water, which forms a perfect torrent below the Melan arch bridge.

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North Topeka was completely cut off fron the electric light plant a portion of last night and this morning. Houses on the North side were left without electric light. The poles of the Edison company in the Kansas river, which carry the wires from the south bank to the North side were washed out. The poles of the Edison company were about half a block below the Kansas avenue bridge, and the wires were broken by the washing out of the poles. Today the Edison company was enabled to connect with North Topeka through the kindness of B. F. Pankey of the Independent Telephone company. Mr. Pankey has long distance wires, which he is stringing to connect with Atchison, Leavenworth and several other large towns in northeast Kansas, placed over the Knw river. As the line are large towns in northeast Kansas, placed over the Kaw river. As the line will not be completed for ten days, he allowed the Edison company to use his wires while arrangements are made for

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MILLERS ARE ALARMED.

The millers in North Topeka are becoming alarmed at the steady rise of the river. A foot more and the river will flood the land around the foot of Quincy street in North Topeka and surround the Capital mill and elevator. If the river continues to rise the mills will call upon the railroad companies to furnish cars in order that the grain and flour stored in the lower part of the mills and elevators can be moved to a place of safety.

A force of men has been busy all day dislodging the drift wood piled against the piers of the street car bridge. As the river has risen gradually a large amount of drift wood has not come down. A freshet west would fill the stream with drift wood and greatly endanger the railway bridge. At the north end of the Melan arch bridge across the river on Kansas avenue the water has cut into the embankment which was built to shorten the bridge. A rise of two or three feet more will be likely to cut away the embankment at the north end of the bridge and perhaps at the south end also and leave the bridge without any approaches.

JENNINGS PREDICTS FURTHER RISE.

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Observer T. B. Jennings this morning said: "The river has been rising this morning at the rate of about an inch an hour. The rains Tuesday were heavy as far west as Decatur county. So far the rains as far west as Manhattan

have influenced the river but the rains west of Manhattan have hardly yet been felt at this point. For that reason I think that the river will continue to rise, how much I-can not say."

A rise of two feet more will cause considerable damage and a rise of four feet will flood the south side of the river as far as Third street and will be likely to flood nearly all of North Topeka. The highest point reached by the river was in 1874 when all the low lands north and south of the river were inundated. In the early '80's the river flooded the south side as far south as the Shawnes mills and flooded the north side to Soldier creek.

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During the spring of 1884 when the ice in the river went out the river was so high that the city park was flooded and piled with ice and the water extended a block south. The ice jammed against the bottom of the bridge spans and it was feared that the old iron bridge would be carried away.

At noon the river was within six inches of being over the banks on the north side above the pumping station of the Topeka Water company, three miles west of town. Soldier creek at the reform school was within a foot of being over its banks and was still rising.

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NEAR 14 FOOT MARK.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the gauge in the river showed the water up to within three inches of the 14 foot mark, a rise of three feet and a half since Tuesday afternoon.

The men at work on the street car bridge had the driftwood cleared away at noon but during the dinner hour a tree four feet in diameter lodged aginst the piers and in a short time drift wood was piled against it for a distance of 40 feet.

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RAINS ALONG SANTA FE.

The Santa Fe has reports of very heavy rains all over the eastern and southern parts of the state. It is reported generally cloudy with indications for more rain. The eastern, middle, western and Pan Handle division superintendents report good rains during the night. There has been no rain so far on the Oklahoma and southern Kansas divisions, but there are rain indications in both places. The only part of the road reporting clear weather is Purcell.

The government forecast sent out this

Hill Falls on Lake Erie, Alliance and Wheeling Railroad.

Men at Work When Disaster Occurred.

Minerva, O., July 2.—With a rumbling and grinding that could be heard for miles the tunnel on the Lake Erie, Alliance and Wheeling railroad near here, caved in its entire length early today. Work was commenced some time ago to uncover and make a cut of the hill and some of it had been accomplished. A few of the men had gone to work this morning and a hundred men were preparing to go in when without warning the entire hill settled down on the tracks.

ened Out.

As has been predicted in the State Journal, the trustees of the Topeka Young Women's Christian association, at their meeting Tuesday, voted to retain Miss Harriet Broad as sceretary of the association. It went even further and decided that Miss Broad's engagement shall continue for an entire year, with one month's vacation, instead of ten months, as has been the custom in the past.

Miss Leggett, the physical director, will not be retained. No arrangements have been made for filling her place.

The old officers of the association were elected, with the exception of Mrs. George A. Huron, vice president, who has resigned. Mrs. J. W. Watson was chosen to fill Mrs. Huron's place. The list of officers now is as follows: President, Mrs. J. C. McClintock; vice president, Mrs. J. W. Watson: treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Golng; secretary, Mrs. Charles F. Spencer.

The Y. W. C. A. will this year endeavor to establish a domestic science department, where cooking and general housekeeping can be taught. The association hopes to be able to secure Miss Gertrude Coburn, daughter of F. D. Coburn, to take charge of this department. The plan is to install the necessary equipment for beginning the work in the rooms of the association and ultimately to make the instruction free to all girls and women.

Miss Ramage, who is to be in charge of the work during the summer months, as summer secretary, has arrived and will take charge of the summer work at once.

SOUGHT NOTORIETY.

Cause of a Lawrence Girl Suiciding in Denver.

Denver, Col., July 2.—Disappointed in her ambition to become an actress, Miss Pauline Davison, aged 20 years, committed suicide last night with chloroform. She had been working here as a domestic the past two months. Her parents live in Lawrence. Kan. She left a note addressed to the newspapers in which she said: "Now, make the most of a good opportunity. I am about to commit suicide and I think it is about the only way I can make myself notorious."

STRIKE REPORTED OVER

Believed That Santa Fe Has Agreed With Boilermakers.

It is rumored today that the Santa Fe striking boilermakers at The Needles and San Bernordino, and the company have agreed upon terms ending the strike, although the contract has not yet been signed.

The exact settlement conditions have not yet been given out but it is known that both the men and the company have made concessions.

Kansas in the Grasp of a Bridge Anti Cleveland Democrats Are John C. Lowe, Who Killed Wife,

Erect Public Structures.

Among Companies.

Profitable.

A bridge trust is one of the combinations which seems to have been doing business in Kansas for a good while without anyone entering a kick on it. The kick has come at last.

It is alleged that the various bridge companies which operate in Kansas have divided up the state, each one taking certain counties. It is claimed that there is no competition among them, although they all submit bids when counties have bridges to build.

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It is claimed that the bids for bridges are mediance of the commissioners of the counties in which the bridges are to be built, will be companied be provided that the state and the proposal part of the profits, so that the country of the profits of the bridge companies be present at the two fides of the bridge companies be present at the two fides of the br

in which the bridges are to be built, will stand. The county commissioners, as a rule, know nothing about building fron bridges and the cost thereof, except in a general way. When a lot of bids are submitted there seems to be competition among the various companies, and the commissioners take it for granted that the lowest bid is all right. It is possible that there may be an immense profit in even that bid.

Occasionally a trade seems to be made so as to make it seem that a rival company has underbid the one which generally gets the work in a given county, but it is said that there are some counties in Kansas in which practically every contract for an iron bridge in the last five or six years has gone to a single company.

If it had been a matter in which private individuals had been financially interested the alleged trust might have been ferreted out long ago, but as it was public business with which scarcely anyone came in contact in a way to find out the profits in the business, it can be easily seen that it would not be difficult for a combination to work for difficult for a combination to work for a long time without discovery.

GEORGIA DEMOCRATS.

Nominations Made in Primaries Ratified in Convention.

Atlanta, Ga., July 2.—Georgia Democrats in state convention here today nominated the following ticket: For governor, Joseph M. Terrill. For secretary of state, Phil Cook. For treasurer, Robert E. Park. For comptroller general, William A. Vright.

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TO THE ARCTIC CIRCLE.

The Baldwin Relief Expedition Sails From Tromsoe.

Tromsoe, Norway, July 2.—The Baldwin-Zeigler relief expedition, under W. S. Champ, secretary of the expedition and Dr. G. Shurkley, left here on the Frithjof. Mr. Champ will proceed for Josef land to take coal to Mr. Baldwin's ship, the America, which he expects to find in about 82 degrees, and obtain news of the explorers.

The Baldwin-Zeigler Arctic expedition, consisting of the America and the Belgica, left Tromsoe July 16, 1901, under command of Evelyn B. Baldwin.

Wedded Five Times.

Berlin, July 2.—Madame Careno, a distinguished pianist of America, was wedded here yesterday to her fifth husband, Arturo Tagliapietra, of New York, who is a brother of her second husband. Her fourth was the planist D'Albert, whom she married in the United States seven or eight years ago.

Temperatures of Large Cities Chicago, July 2—7 a. m. temperatures. Vork. 66; Boston, 66; Philadelphia 9: Washington, 70; Chicago, 66; Minne-polis, 62; Cincinnati, 64; St. Louis, 72.

Weather Indications. Chicago, July 2—Forecast for Kansas: Partly cloudy with probable occasional showers tonight and Thursday; winds mostly southerly.

Camping on It.

the Cleveland Wing.

cans in Third District.

Representative.

In the contest over the nomination of a candidate for the legislature in the southern district in Butler county yesterday afternoon, Congressman Curtis' candidate won. The northern district was conceded to Governor Stanley, but there was a fight between the Stanley and Curtis forces in the other district and the Curtis candidate, S. H. Brandon, was nominated. In the northern district J. B. Adams was renominated. Governor Stanley was present and spoke.

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In the Fourth congressional district Stanley now has three legislative nominees, Curtis has one, and there is one doubtful. The balance of the county ticket nominated by the Republican county convention at Ellorado was as follows: Treasurer, G. W. Tolle; county clerk, H. A. J. Coppins; clerk of the district court, G. L. Lane; probate judge, J. F. Glendenning; county attorney, W. M. Rees; register of deeds, S. W. Benson; sheriff, Sidney Blakeman; superintendent of public instruction, C. W. Thompson; surveyor, Lee Scott; coroner, Dr. C. E. Hunt. The resolution demand that the Kansas senators and representatives in congress assist the president in securing Cuban reciprocity. They also demand that the next legislature shall reapportion the state into eight congressional districts.

F. G. Hunsicker, of Osage City, has been appointed as a cierk to prepare a consolidated index to the journal of the house of representatives of the Fiftieth congress. It is a two years' job and pays \$1,600 a year.

A rumor has been floating around that W. J. Báiley will select T. J. Schall, editor of the Troy Chief, to be his private secretary when he is elected governor. Mr. Bailey, however, says he has not given the subject any thought—that it had not entered his mind until he heard of the rumor connecting Mr. Schall with the place. "I don't need a private secretary yet," he said. "Wait till I am elected and need one, then I'll pick one out."

When the Republican state central committee met to consult the Republican nominees for state officers about the organization of the state committee a short time ago, it was given out that T. T. Kelly, candidate for state treasurer, held the proxy of C. F. Scott. candidate for congressman-at-large, who was in Washington. Now it has leaked out that this was untrue. The proxy was held by W. J. Balley, and Mr. Bailey cast Mr. Scott's vote according to instructions. Mr. Scott sent his proxy to Balley by mail and just before the meeting of the committee wired Mr. Bailey to cast his vote for Cy Anderson for secretary of the committee, which Bailey did. Mr. Kelly did not have Scott's proxy at any time.

The Democrats beat the Populists again in nominating a candidate for judge to run against Charles Loddell in the Thirty-third judicial district. The Democratic and Populist judicial conventions were both held at Larned yesterday. The Democrats nominated A. H. Wilson of Jetmore. The Populists had two candidates, J. E. Andrews and S. I. Hale, both of Lacrosse. Andrews was formerly on the bench in that district but was displaced when Governor Stanley appointed Judge Lobdell to fill the vacancy last fall. Hale was the chairman of the Populist state convention here last week and is recognized as one of the brightest Populist; in the state. The Democrats were few in number, but they persuaded the Populiculated on Sixth Page.)

Sent Back to Jail.

Companies Form a Pool to He is Charged With Favoring Held For Murder in the First

PRICES ARE MADE HIGH ARE WRITING LETTERS AT SCENE OF CRIME.

Then the Profits Are Divided Sent to Democrats and Republi- Preliminary Hearing Held at Reform School.

Business in This State is Very Curtis Gets One Butler County Former Teacher Keeps Head Buried in His Arms.

> teacher who killed his wife, matron of the institution, on Sunday, June 22, was over to the district court to stand trial for murder in the first degree. The attorneys did not ask for the privilege, and he will remain in the Shawnee

to walk down stairs, I just slid down, and rushed by him into the room. Mrs. Lowe was lying on her right side, her head to the north, and her back to the

"This was purely accidental,' saidLowe as I stepped into the room. Mrs.
Lowe turned partly over and looked up
at me over her shoulder.

"Yes,' she said, 'it was an accident.'
"Then Lowe began to tell me how it
was, following me to the head of the
stairs when I rushed down stairs for
help. I think he said something about
the gun being on the bureau and that
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"What attention was Lowe giving his wife while she lay there on the floor?" asked Attorney McNary.

"None whatever," answered the witness. Smith was then questioned on few minor details, such as the size of the rooms. He then continued his story about the shooting.

"Lowe followed me to the head of the stairs when I rushed down to quiet the boys who were getting wild, and to call help. I turned on him and said, "Go back and tend to that woman."

"After calling help and quieting the boys I returned to Lowe's room. Mrs. Lowe had been placed on the lounge by others. She was vomiting blood."

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"No."
Smith then testified to seeing the blood stains in the room and outside the door. In speaking of Lowe's wounds Smith said: "I saw two holes in his head and thought he was shot to kill."
On cross-examination said that he had seen Mr. and Mrs. Lowe together every evening since they came to the school.. "What was his conduct toward his wife?"

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"All right as far as I know."

"Did you see anything to cause you to suspect that they were not getting along all right together?"

"Yes, on several occasions I saw her when she looked as though she had been crying, and I thought at the time she was in trouble with him."

"Do you know of anything on her part which would have a tendency to arouse his jealousy?"

"I did not, she was all right in every way, and was greatly respected by the other employea."

Smith said that he had regarded Lowe as a "cold-blooded man." When asked what he meant by the term, he said that he was a greaf hand to get acquainted with people, but that Lowe had seemingly repelled his friendly overtures.

"I never thought of such a thing," answered the witness.

OTHER WITNESSES TESTIFY.

E. M. Meisner, assistant superintendent of the institution, was the second witness. He said he had known Lowe since the first week in May, 1899. He then testified to the hour of inspection, 9:30, and said that Lowe and his family of boys were due to inspection at the time the tragedy took place. He said that, to his personal knowledge, Lowe had not abused his wife, and that she had never told him of any trouble with her husband.

"She was a woman who did not tell her family affairs to others," said Mr. Meisner. He said that Lowe was inclined to be morose and sullen, especially in the three weeks before the tragedy. He said that Mrs. Lowe's conduct was very circumspect and gave no cause for jealousy. He had seen no tendency toward violence on the part of Lowe.

Clarence Strauthers, a colored boy who is an inmate of the school and was a member of Lowe's family, testified that he had heard three shots for sure. He indicated the order and tine of the shots by clapping his hands, and signified that there had been a longer space between the first shot and the last two, which came close together. While Strauthers was on the stand Lowe raised his head suddenly and spoke to his attorney, the first time he had done so during the hearing. The boy also said that Lowe had asked his wife to go up stairs twice and then taken her by the arm and was so holding her when they went out of sight.

Mrs. Charles, wife of the superintendent, then testified. Her testimony was very interesting as it was partly about the bruises on the body of Mrs. Lowe. Mrs. Charles was among the first to reach the injured woman, and assisted by others placed her on the lounge. She had ridden to the hospital with Mrs. Lowe and talked to her. "I asked her how the shooting occurred," said Mrs. Charles. She said that she was standing in the door when the gun went off and her husband was shot. She started to his aid and the other shots followed.

her more about the shooting, but that the injured woman replied that she had made a written statement of the facts. Sheriff Cook was the last witness. He testified to the arrest of Lowe and his actions in jail. His testimony did not throw any new light on the case, and the examination was soon closed, Lowe

His Wound is Beginning to Heal.

London, July 2-At Buckingham pal-London, July 2—At Buckingham palace the following bulletin was issued at 10 o'clock this morning on the condition of King Edward:

"The king had another excellent night and is making steady progress in ali respects. The wound is much less troublesome and is beginning to heal.

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"The king maintains his steady progress. The local pain being less, the days are passed with greater comfort.

"TREVES,

"LAKING,
"PA PLOW."

HEAPS OF CASH.

Illinois Prohibitionists Throw Campaign Fund on Platform.

Peoria, Ill., July 2.-The convention of the Illinois Prohibitionists today was a most exciting affair. When the call was nade for voluntary contributions the 1,200 delegates went wild with enthusi-asm and crowding to the stage they

asm and crowding to the stage they showered offerings upon the stage. It was a rain of wealth, and the chairman and secretary of the convention were compelled to retreat from the stage until it had ended. Almost \$5,000 in cash was heaped upon the platform. The committee on platform split in the conference, and two platforms were submitted to the convention for adoption. One touches on all the leading national issues and the other confines itself strictly to prohibition and woman's suffrage. A bitter discussion on the two platforms ensued. The convention finally adopted the minority report, which holds the Prohibitionists to the two issues—the liquor question and woman's suffrage—and adjourned.

The following ticket was nominated: Tregsurer—John H. Wilson, McLeansboro.

Clerk of Supreme Court—Robert H.
Hardin, East St. Louis.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Charles P. Bianchard, professor in Wheaton college.
Trustees University of Illinois—Marie C. Brehm, Chicago; Judge J. O. Cunningham, Urbana; Mrs. Dr. J. W. Akers, Sangamon.

Forty-one New Cases Reported in Manila.

Remarkable Facility of Roosevelt For Remembering.

Manages to Keep in Touch With Whole Country.

ANTHONY SURPRISED.

Veteran Editor Found President Knew About Leavenworth.

Also Understood the Local Political Situation.

the sale of their rights in the automatic scale patent to the Automatic Weighing Machine company of Jersey City, N. J. An effort was made during last summer to interest Topeka capital in the machine and establish a plant there, but it was unsuccessful. McLeod Bros. are also the inventors of an automatic cereal package machine, application for patent on which is now pending.

Representative Bowersock says that the criticism against his bill to establish a federal court at Kansas City, Kan., is unwarranted, and that Topeka and Leavenworth are not viewing the matter in the proper spirit. He says Kansas City, Kan., is entitled to the court, because it is the largest town in the state, and most of the litigation which finally gets into the federal court originates in Wyandotte county. He says that the new federal building at Kansas City has been planned with a flew to the establishment of a federal court there. He maintains that the establishment of a court at Kansas City, Kan., cannot possibly injure Topeka and Leavenworth, and he expects to be able to get the bill through at the pext session of congress.

Representative Miller thinks that he is the victim of circumstances over which he has had no control in the turning down of John H. Wiggam to be postmaster at Emporia. He says that he does not think the president should associate Senator Burton with the appointment of a postmaster at Emporia, as the appointment is his and the senator has nothing to do with it. As it well known, the president was largely influenced in turning down Wiggam by the fact that he associated the matter with Senator Burton, who on several occasions has urged the appointment of Wiggam. In addition to this, however, charges have been made against Wiggam, and it is said they were sustained.

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Representative Scott was invited by the speaker to preside in committee of the whole at one of the night sessions last week. As it was his first invitation of this character since he has been in congress, he was rather glad of the opportunity. Unfortunately, however, nobody was ready to speak when the time arrived, and the night session had to be abandoned.

BROOKE TO RETIRE.

Major General Has Seen Forty-one Years of Service.

New York, July 2.—Major General John R. Brooke, in command of the department of the east, is packing up his furniture and books on Governor's Island. He will be 64 years old on July 21, and will be retired under the age

limit.

It is understood General MacArthur, now in command at Chicago, of the department of the lakes, will take the vacant post.

"I shall go to my old bome in Montgomery county, near Philadelphia," said General Brooks, "I have seen 41 years of service and am in the best of beauth."